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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS  
Year Ended December 31, 2000

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

May 09, 2001

Board of Commissioners  
Allen Parish Tourist Commission  
Oberlin, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission, a component unit of the Allen Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission as of December 31, 2000, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated May 09, 2001, on my consideration of Allen Parish Tourist Commission's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

*Royce T. Scimemi, CPA, Inc.* Royce T. Scimemi, CPA, Inc.

# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

December 31, 2000

### GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 163,089	\$ 22,679	\$ 61,404
Taxes receivable	12,732	-	-
Security deposits	150	-	-
Interest receivable	2,315	-	-
Prepaid Postage	156	-	-
Prepaid Assets - Kinder Land	4,000	-	-
Fixed assets	-	-	-
Amount available in Debt Service Fund	-	-	-
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>182,442</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>22,679</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>61,404</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 4,951	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll taxes payable	1,038	-	-
Compensated absences payable	3,878	-	-
Capital lease payable	-	-	-
General obligation bonds payable	-	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>9,867</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>			
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	-
Fund balance			
Designated	60,000	-	-
Unreserved and undesignated	112,575	22,679	61,404
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b><u>172,575</u></b>	<b><u>22,679</u></b>	<b><u>61,404</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ <u>182,442</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>22,679</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>61,404</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

ACCOUNT GROUPS

<u>GENERAL FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT</u>	<u>TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247,172
-	-	12,732
-	-	150
-	-	2,315
-	-	156
-	-	4,000
292,426	-	292,426
-	22,679	22,679
-	<u>165,829</u>	<u>165,829</u>
<u>\$ 292,426</u>	<u>\$ 188,508</u>	<u>\$ 747,459</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,951
-	-	1,038
-	-	3,878
-	3,508	3,508
-	<u>185,000</u>	<u>185,000</u>
-	<u>188,508</u>	<u>198,375</u>
292,426	-	292,426
-	-	60,000
-	-	<u>196,658</u>
<u>292,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>549,084</u>
<u>\$ 292,426</u>	<u>\$ 188,508</u>	<u>\$ 747,459</u>

# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund Type

Year Ended December 31, 2000

	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM) ONLY
REVENUES				
Hotel/Motel tax	\$ 244,331	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 244,331
Interest	<u>8,428</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>3,148</u>	<u>11,830</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>252,759</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>3,148</u>	<u>256,161</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Advertising	29,375	-	-	29,375
Bank charges	49	20	93	162
Contract labor	2,614	-	-	2,614
Dues	750	-	-	750
Employee Benefits	1,483	-	-	1,483
Insurance	2,019	-	-	2,019
Payroll taxes	4,123	-	-	4,123
Professional fees	7,020	-	-	7,020
Promotionals	38,040	-	-	38,040
Rentals	869	-	-	869
Repairs and maintenance	2,694	-	-	2,694
Salaries	55,306	-	-	55,306
Supplies	15,327	-	-	15,327
Telephone	6,432	-	-	6,432
Training and education	920	-	-	920
Travel	8,857	-	-	8,857
Utilities	2,680	-	-	2,680
Capital outlay	37,009	-	2,232	39,241
Debt Service				
Principal Retirement	2,004	15,000	-	17,004
Interest	<u>2,048</u>	<u>8,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,951</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>219,619</u>	<u>23,923</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>245,867</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>33,140</u>	<u>(23,669)</u>	<u>823</u>	<u>10,294</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in (out)	<u>(28,376)</u>	<u>28,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	4,764	4,707	823	10,294
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	<u>167,811</u>	<u>17,972</u>	<u>60,581</u>	<u>246,364</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ <u>172,575</u>	\$ <u>22,679</u>	\$ <u>61,404</u>	\$ <u>256,658</u>

See accompanying notes.



# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2000

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Hotel/Motel tax	\$ 230,000	\$ 244,331	\$ 14,331
Interest	<u>4,600</u>	<u>8,428</u>	<u>3,828</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>234,600</u>	<u>252,759</u>	<u>18,159</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Advertising	19,500	29,375	(9,875)
Bank charges	50	49	1
Contract labor	6,000	2,614	3,386
Dues	800	750	50
Employee Benefits	2,000	1,483	517
Insurance	2,100	2,019	81
Payroll taxes	3,800	4,123	(323)
Professional fees	5,000	7,020	(2,020)
Promotionals	42,000	38,040	3,960
Rentals	6,000	869	5,131
Repairs and maintenance	3,000	2,694	306
Salaries	56,100	55,306	794
Supplies	20,000	15,327	4,673
Telephone	5,800	6,432	(632)
Training and education	3,000	920	2,080
Travel	6,000	8,857	(2,857)
Utilities	1,500	2,680	(1,180)
Capital outlay	20,000	37,009	(17,009)
Debt Service			
Principal Retirement	17,004	2,004	15,000
Interest	<u>11,379</u>	<u>2,048</u>	<u>9,331</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>231,033</u>	<u>219,619</u>	<u>11,414</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>3,567</u>	<u>33,140</u>	<u>29,573</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,376)</u>	<u>(28,376)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	3,567	4,764	1,197
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	<u>167,811</u>	<u>167,811</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ <u>171,378</u>	\$ <u>172,575</u>	\$ <u>1,197</u>

See accompanying notes.

# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2000

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Allen Parish Tourist Commission was created by the Allen Parish Police Jury under LSA-RS 33:4574. The Commission is governed by a board of seven commissioners who are appointed by the Allen Parish Police Jury. The Commission has as its purpose the promotion of tourism within Allen Parish.

The financial statements of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

#### 1. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Statement No. 14, the Allen Parish Tourist Commission includes all funds, account groups, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission.

As the governing authority, for reporting purposes, the Allen Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Allen Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include:

- I. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and
  - a. The ability of the Allen Parish Police Jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Allen Parish Police Jury.
- II. Organizations for which the Allen Parish Police Jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Allen Parish Police Jury.
- III. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements could be



# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2000

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based upon the application of these criteria, Allen Parish Tourist Commission is a component unit of the Allen Parish Police Jury's reporting entity.

#### 2. Fund Accounting

The Allen Parish Tourist Commission uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable financial resources.

The following funds and group of accounts are used by the Commission:

##### Governmental Funds:

Funds of the Commission are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the Commission's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies and the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets. Governmental funds of the Commission include:

- I. General Fund – the general operating fund of the Commission and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another funds.
- II. Debt Service Fund – used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt.
- III. Capital Projects Fund – accounts for land acquisitions and construction of permanent capital facilities. This fund accounts for the construction of two office buildings

##### Account Groups:

###### General Fixed Assets Account Group:

Fixed assets of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures at the time they are purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

###### General Long-Term Debt Account Group:

The general long-term debt account group is used to account for general long-term debt.

#### 3. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus.

# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2000

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all governmental fund revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are hotel/motel tax and interest.

#### 4. Cash

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and time deposits with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Commission may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. At December 31, 2000, the Commission had \$274,687 in deposits (collected bank balances), all of which was secured from risk by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities.

#### 5. Budget

A general fund budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

On or before the last meeting of each year, the budget is prepared by function and activity, and includes information on the past year, current year estimates and requested appropriations for the next fiscal year.

The proposed budget is presented to the government's Board of Commissioners for review. The board holds a public hearing and may add to, subtract from or change appropriations, but may not change the form of the budget. Any changes in the budget must be within the revenues and reserves estimated.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level. The final budget for 2000 includes the original budget and all amendments during the year.

# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2000

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### 6. Total Columns on Statements

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

### NOTE B - HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES

Allen Parish Tourist Commission is authorized to levy and collect a tax upon the occupancy of hotel rooms, motel rooms, and overnight camping facilities within the jurisdiction of the Allen Parish Tourism Commission not to exceed three percent of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy.

### NOTE C - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	12/31/99 <u>Balance</u>	Net 2000 <u>Additions</u>	12/31/00 <u>Balance</u>
Equipment	\$ 105,351	\$ 36,875	\$ 142,226
Furniture & Fixtures	13,714	2,365	16,079
Building	128,471	-	128,471
Leaschold Improvements	<u>5,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,650</u>
Total	\$ <u>253,186</u>	\$ <u>39,240</u>	\$ <u>292,426</u>

### NOTE D - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Full time employees receive sick leave at a rate of 104 hours per year. Sick leave is paid upon retirement and has been accrued in the financial statements. Full time employees also receive annual leave based upon length of employment. The annual leave becomes available to employees on the anniversary date of each work year. Annual leave is paid to employees upon termination of employment or retirement and has been accrued in the financial statements.

Employees earn annual leave as follows:

1 Year	5 Days
2-6 Years	10 Days
15+ Years	20 Days

Accrued leave payable was \$3,878 for the year ended December 31, 2000.

# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2000

### NOTE E - LONG-TERM DEBT

#### 1. Debt Outstanding

Capital Lease Payable at December 31, 2000, is comprised of the following issue:

\$3,835 capital lease dated December 1, 2000; due in monthly installments of \$205 through November 1, 2002; interest at 27.6%.

Bonds payable at December 31, 2000, is comprised of the following issue:

\$200,000 general obligation bonds dated February 1, 1999; due in annual installments of \$15,000 to \$25,000 through February 1, 2009; interest at 4.625%.

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions during the year ending December 31, 2000:

	Bonded Debt
Long-term debt payable at 12/31/99	\$ 201,677
Additions	3,835
Payments	<u>17,004</u>
Long-term debt payable at 12/31/00	\$ <u>188,508</u>

#### 2. Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The annual requirements to amortize all debts outstanding as of December 31, 2000, including interest payments of \$42,205 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2001	\$ 25,669
2002	24,567
2003	25,706
2004	25,781
2005	24,856
Thereafter	<u>104,134</u>
	\$ <u>230,713</u>

### NOTE F - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Commission maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Commission. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.



# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2000

### NOTE G - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Prior to December 31, 1998, the Commission received notification that the Holiday Inn Express of Kinder had been paying the occupancy tax on rooms subject to a twelve month lease agreement with the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. Section 5, Ordinance 5116 of the parish sales tax law provides that, "The tax shall not apply to those hotel rooms rented on an annual contract basis for consecutive days, or nonconsecutive days." Holiday Inn Express requested a refund of \$55,832. However, the contracts provided were not signed by the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. Signed copies of the contract were requested by the Sales and Use Tax Department of the Allen Parish School Board but were never provided. No further action has been taken. Management feels that it is neither probable nor reasonably possible that the matter will result in a refund being paid and no accrual has been made.

On December 4, 2000, the board of directors approved the purchase of a tract of land in Kinder for \$40,000. On December 22, 2000, the commission paid a \$4,000 earnest money deposit. This amount is reported as a prepaid asset in the financial statements.

### NOTE H - DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

On December 28, 1999, the board of directors designated \$60,000 of the fund balance for the purchase of land and construction of a new office building in Kinder.

### NOTE I - OPERATING LEASES

The Commission has entered into an operating lease for a postage meter. The lease is for 54 months and is noncancelable. For the year ended December 31, 2000, operating lease expenditures totaled \$778.

*The annual requirements to fulfil noncancelable lease obligations are as follows:*

<u>Year Ending, December 31,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2001	\$ 778
2002	778
2003	777
2004	194
	<u>\$ 2,527</u>

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE *WITH* *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

May 09, 2001

Board of Commissioners  
Allen Parish Tourist Commission  
Oberlin, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of Allen Parish Tourist Commission, a component unit of the Allen Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000, and have issued my report thereon dated May 09, 2001. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Allen Parish Tourist Commission's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Allen Parish Tourist Commission's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, I noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in my judgment, could adversely affect Allen Parish Tourist Commission's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings.



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A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, I believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information of management and use of the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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# ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended December 31, 2000

Attorney General Opinion No. 98-311 states "It is the opinion that there is a distinction between promotion of tourism through the promotion of tourist attractions and advertising and publishing information relating to those attractions and producing or creating tourist attractions. This distinction is evidenced by the prohibition against the Tourist commission engaging in activities which would result in competition with local retail businesses or enterprises found at LA RS 33:4574(E)".

Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution states "A. Prohibited Uses. Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the Funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or of any political subdivision shall not be loaned, pledged, or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private". The Commission violated this provision in the following instance:

A total of \$50 was spent to provide a band for the Main Street Bicycle group touring the area. This payment appears to be a good faith effort to promote tourism in Allen Parish. However, it also appears to be in violation of the above referenced provisions.

A total of \$1,245 was spent to provide dinner for the members of the Coushatta Tribal Council to show appreciation for the tourism their casino brings into the parish. This payment appears to be a good faith effort to promote tourism in Allen Parish. However, it also appears to be in violation of the above referenced provisions.

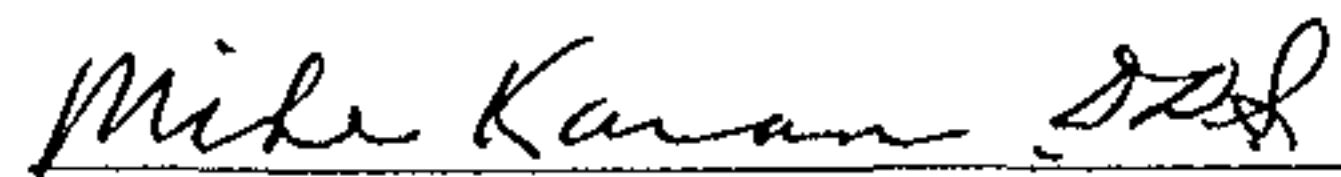
ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION

Corrective Action Plan

Year Ended December 31, 2000

We agree with the findings on non-compliance with Attorney General Opinion No. 98-311 and Article 7 Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution. The board was made aware of the Article 7 Section 14 violation in the last year's findings. However, after legal review, we disagreed with the findings and requested an Attorney General opinion as to the legality of the expenditures. On December 23, 2000 the Attorney General responded to the request for an opinion informing the board that the auditor's prior year findings were correct. The expenditures noted in the findings occurred prior to the receipt of that opinion.

The Board is presently fully aware of the prohibition against creation of an event and of donations and has complied with them from the time the opinion has been received.

  
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Board President

**ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION**

**Summary of Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs**

**Year Ended December 31, 2000**

*All prior year findings have been corrected satisfactorily after the Attorney General opinion noted in the Corrective Action Plan was received.*